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1. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE IS SEEKING APPROVAL OF FRENCH AND  
GERMAN DEFENSE MINISTRY OFFICIALS FOR US SALE OF US VERSION

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OF ROLAND II TO NORWAY. DR. CURRIE, DIRECTOR OF DEFENSE

RESEARCH AND ENGINEERING, WILL BE SPEAKING TO MR. WAHL OF THE GERMAN DEFENSE MINISTRY AND TO MR. DELPESCH OF THE FRENCH DEFENSE MINISTRY IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. HE WILL INFORM THEM THAT THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT HAS EXPRESSED THE DESIRE TO PURCHASE THE US VERSION OF THE ROLAND II, ON A GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT BASIS, RATHER THAN THE FRANCO-GERMAN VERSION, BECAUSE THE US CONFIGURATION APPEARS MORE SUITABLE FOR NORWAY'S SPECIFIC MILITARY REQUIREMENTS. HE WILL FURTHER INDICATE THAT SUCH A US SALE TO NORWAY, WITH FRENCH AND GERMAN GOVERNMENT APPROVAL, IS WITHIN THE TERMS OF THE US LICENSING AGREEMENT, AND THAT APPROVAL IS CUSTOMARY UNDER SUCH AGREEMENTS.

2. DOD HOPES TO OBTAIN FRENCH AND GERMAN APPROVAL IN SUFFICIENT TIME FOR THE NORWEGIAN PARLIAMENT TO CONSIDER THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSAL BEFORE THE END OF THE PARLIAMENT'S CURRENT SESSION ON 31 MAY. THIS WOULD REQUIRE RAPID FRENCH AND GERMAN APPROVAL, WHICH UNFORTUNATELY CANNOT BE ASSURED. WE WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS AS THEY OCCUR.

3. IN THE EVENT DOD DISCUSSIONS INDICATE APPROVAL UNLIKELY BEFORE THE 31 MAY DEADLINE, YOU SHOULD RECOMMEND TO THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT ITS OPTION B, I.E., ATTACH LOWER PRIORITY TO ITS PROPOSAL TO THE PARLIAMENT PENDING ASSURANCES THAT NORWAY WILL BE ABLE TO ACQUIRE US VERSION OF ROLAND II. DOD UNDERSTANDS THE POLITICAL LIABILITIES OF POSTPONING PARLIAMENTARY CONSIDERATION FROM THIS SESSION TO NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 1975 AND THEREFORE IS MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO OBTAIN APPROVAL BEFORE 31 MAY. IN THE EVENT FRENCH-GERMAN APPROVAL IS NOT FORTHCOMING AT ALL, DOD WILL RECOMMEND OTHER POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES FOR THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT'S CONSIDERATION. INGERSOLL

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